

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, literacy encompasses a broad range of skills that include reading, writing, math, and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, solid literacy skills are instrumental in providing all members of society with the opportunity to realize their dreams and succeed in every aspect of life; and

WHEREAS, while it is important to focus on the needs of children, we must also address the needs of adults whose illiteracy makes every day a struggle; and

WHEREAS, a literate workforce is essential to our local, state, and national economies, influencing competitiveness in global markets; and

WHEREAS, literacy empowers parents in their role as their children's first teacher, preparing their children to be ready to learn upon entering school and helping them to succeed once in school; and

WHEREAS, boosting literacy for all South Carolinians helps strengthen our communities and ensure our continued success in the global marketplace while enhancing the quality of life of all our residents.

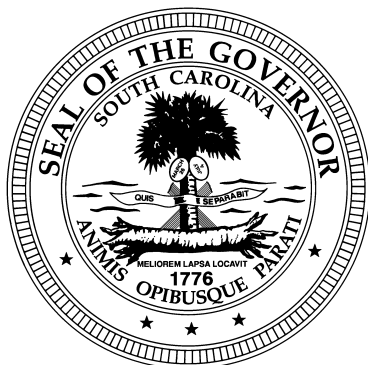
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2003 as

LITERACY MONTH

and September 8, 2003, as

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase literacy among the residents of the Palmetto State.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA